

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Adult Services Agency
Hotel Indigo, 263 West Grandview Parkway; Traverse City, MI 49684
June 17, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wishart called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Commissioner Sheehan.

Commissioner Wishart introduced Traverse City's Mayor Jim Carruthers.

Mayor Carruthers provided a welcome and details on the area's points of interest, including their commission on aging, the volunteers in the network and other service providers. He stated they are an Age Friendly Community, and plan to continue additional developments.

Commissioner Wishart introduced Bob Schlueter, executive director of the local AAA.

Mr. Schlueter provided a welcome and overview of his AAA's robust collaboration with local service providers to offer ongoing supports, services and activities to assist seniors to age in place and with dignity. He invited commissioners to attend the Senior Power Day event, and provided informational handouts. He stated the federal SHIP program is being cut, and he encouraged commissioners to advocate to maintain this funding.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

The Commission roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dona Wishart, Matthew Adeyanju, Joan Ilardo, Gerald Irby, Kathleen LaTosch, Harold Mast, Donna Murray-Brown, Richard Ortega, Michael Sheehan, Linda Strohl and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Michael Burri and Douglas Chalgian.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) STAFF PRESENT

Richard Kline, Scott Wamsley, Dan Doezema, Carol Dye and Phil Lewis.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Traverse City Mayor Jim Carruthers, Robert Schlueter, Executive Director, AAANM, Bob Daniels, Manistee Co. COA, Carrol Cort, BOA Region 10, Mary Tonneberger, AAANM & BASA, and Kari Sederburg, Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner LaTosch requested an awareness update relevant to the recent Orlando attack be added; Commissioner Ilardo requested Lewy Body Dementia update be added; and Kari Sederburg requested Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant opportunities be added.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve the May 20, 2016, CSA minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the minutes, as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Wishart stated Commissioner Ellis resigned from the Commission, and next steps are in motion to replace the two recently vacated positions.

Commissioner Wishart stated the advocacy committee being chaired by Commissioner Murray-Brown, will be reviewing purpose, structure, process and prioritizing items.

Commissioner Wishart stated as the CSA chair, it is her responsibility to address members of the State Advisory Council (SAC) who are not complying with their responsibilities. That process has been completed and she will work to rebuild the SAC, along with Commissioner Sheehan, the SAC Chair, and Lauren Swanson, AASA's lead to the SAC.

Commissioner Wishart stated a letter will go out with the final approved SAC report to the Governor and Legislators.

Commissioner Wishart stated the SAC met the day before on their new charge, "Creative Aging," and Commissioners Zamora and Ortega offered resources to assist in their efforts.

Commissioner Wishart stated the Michigan Stroke Transitions Trial (MISTT) is an advisory board being created to provide advice on transitioning from hospital to home for patients and caregivers for those who have experienced a stroke. The CSA may be providing some information and concerns to share with the board, which is under the umbrella of Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. Dr. Paul Fredalino and Dr. Amanda Woodward of MSU are leading some of the charge on this.

Commissioner Wishart stated she received a packet of information and letter from the Norway seniors, with a request for action at today's meeting, but she tabled action until it

could be reviewed by the CSA and AASA staff. She requested copies be sent to all commissioners for their information, along with letters received and sent to date.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) ACTING EXEC. DIRECTOR REPORT

Acting Executive Director, Richard Kline, stated shortly after he was hired as the Deputy Director, Kari Sederburg, the previous director resigned and he became the acting director, and Scott Wamsley moved into the position of Acting Deputy Director. In the past week, Tim Becker, the MDHHS Deputy Director, announced his resignation for early July.

Director Kline stated there are no updates to report on the merger, but the department proposed a new grant process, and AASA's move is still slated to happen this fall.

Director Kline stated AASA has received funding proposals from Director Kathy Boles of the Flint Valley AAA for additional services, which have been forwarded to MDHHS for review. Director Boles is also collaborating with AARP to host a series of public forums to gain feedback from seniors on how the water situation has impacted them, and to gain further support for their funding proposals.

AASA's Ombudsman request for proposal went out, and there's been some questions and feedback, so the deadline has been extended in response to these inquiries.

Director Kline stated AASA received a two and a half percent State budget increase for the new fiscal year, and current year spending is on track.

Director Kline keynoted at the Senior Power Day event in Belle Isle, which highlighted elder abuse prevention.

Director Kline stated there are several speaking engagements around the state, including a meeting with Alzheimer's to collaborate and strategize dementia planning, and how to help the network to be more dementia capable.

Director Kline stated in the coming months, AASA will be working on our state plan, and there will be some strategizing to ensure there's good alignment with the AAAs.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis, AASA's Public Affairs staff, provided handouts and updates on the state budget, and related current and ongoing legislative issues, including HB5171 that would amend the motor vehicle code to require adults 75 and older to physically come into their Secretary of State office to renew their license. This came about in response to an accident where an older adult veered off the road and killed a pedestrian. He noted AARP and Secretary of State oppose this bill, and AASA will work diligently to get the right information to legislators.

Mr. Lewis discussed the Veteran's Ombudsman bill, which passed in the House and Senate with no opposition, and it will be sent to the Governor for signature.

Commissioner Irby asked what the CSA can do to support opposition of the proposed older driver bill.

Mr. Lewis stated he reviewed the latest highway traffic safety report, and older drivers are not the most dangerous on the road, and he offered to send the report to the CSA.

Commissioner Irby requested a motion for the CSA to send a letter to legislators opposing legislation that accuses the senior population of being neglect in their driving skills.

Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

Commissioner Irby rescinded his motion until further review can be made by the advocacy committee.

Commissioner Wishart granted that request, noting this is to be a priority, and asked the advocacy committee to work with Mr. Lewis and return with a recommendation.

Commissioner Mast requested additional information on the Heat and Eat program, and to prepare to further address this issue with legislators, in addition to the letter previously sent on behalf of the CSA.

Mr. Lewis offered to provide additional Heat and Eat information as it becomes available.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Scott Wamsley, AASA Acting Deputy Director, provided an update and overview of AASA's financial updates, noting there hasn't been much new grant and expenditure activities.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT) Grant Funds

Mr. Wamsley stated this PREVNT funding is the unobligated balance of the FY 2016 grants intended to prevent elder abuse, exploitation and neglect. Mr. Wamsley noted several pilots were formed in the first two years of this program to study a variety of activities, including to build technology, standardize reporting, build coalitions, and offer shelter to victims. This is a request to approve the recommended grantees of these unexpended funds.

Commissioner Mast made a motion to approve the FY 2016 PREVNT grant funds, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Ilardo requested a summary of PREVNT activities, and Mr. Wamsley stated they are going to do monitoring visits and he will return with a summary of activities.

Request for Approval to Amend Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Grant for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, State Health Insurance Program (MIPPA-SHIP)

Mr. Wamsley requested approval for the second year of a three year MIPPA-SHIP grant to be used for outreach, education and enrollment assistance to Medicare Part D, Low Income Subsidy, and medical savings programs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora to approve the amendment of the FY 2016 grant for MIPPA-SHIP, as presented. Commissioner Murray-Brown seconded this motion.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion passed with an 11-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval to Amend Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Grant for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration (MIPPA-ADRC)

Mr. Wamsley stated this grant is the result of unspent funds because of staff departures, so administrative dollars were reallocated to Disability Network of Mid-Michigan and the AAA of Northern Michigan to be used for outreach, education and enrollment assistance for Low Income Subsidy, Medicare Part D and medical savings programs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the amendment of the FY 2016 grant for MIPPA-ADRC, as presented.

Commissioner Ortega seconded this motion.

This motion passed with an 11-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Program Year (PY) 2016-2017 Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Allocations

Mr. Wamsley requested approval of PY 2016-2017 SCSEP allocations, as authorized under Title V of the Older American's Act, to provide part-time employment and training opportunities for low-income adults age 55 and older, at community service agencies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve PY 2016-2017 SCSEP allocations, as presented. Commissioner Strohl seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

There was a question on if there is a difference of requirement for folks between the ages of 55 to 62 who are not eligible to collect social security yet, and Mr. Wamsley stated he will ask Laura McMurtry to provide information on these details.

Request for Approval of Substantive Amendment to Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for the Region 1C Area Agency on Aging, also known as The Senior Alliance, Inc. (TSA)

Mr. Wamsley requested approval of a substantive amendment to TSA's FY 2016 AIP to transfer funds from Title III-B Supportive Services to Title III-C2 Nutrition Services to meet the needs of participants in the home-delivered meals programs in Wayne County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray-Brown to approve the substantive amendment to TSA's FY 2016 AIP, as presented. Commissioner LaTosch seconded the motion.

Commissioner Wishart suggested questions to the AAAs during their AIP presentations be further discussed, framed and gathered in an effort for the CSA to best support them.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FY 2017-2019 Multi-Year Plan (MYP) & 2017 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

Commission Overview Part III

Dan Doezeema, AASA staff, provided a PowerPoint, handout and overview of the FY 2017-2019 MYP and 2017 AIP, with details on strategic planning.

The Commission took a break at 10:50 AM and resumed business at 11:08 AM.

Mr. Doezeema resumed his presentation on the overview of the Community for a Lifetime program development goal.

Awareness Update Relevant to the Orlando Attack

Commissioner LaTosch stated she wanted to heighten awareness of the impact this event has on the LGBT older adult population, which is being called a hate crime as it targeted a specific group of people, the LGBT community, specifically mostly young, gay Latino men. It is also being called an act of terror, during June Pride Month. Since the Orlando attack, she's learned of cars full of explosives in LA and Washington that planned on going to the pride festivals, but they thankfully did not go as planned. The trauma affected not only the affected victims and their loved ones, but entire groups were targeted and they become traumatized.

LGBT adults often live in isolation and grew up fearing they would be institutionalized for being gay, with most spending their lives devoting immense energy hiding their personal lives from family. Many were told to leave their families, or left their homes because they weren't supported and were isolated. Few have children, and older adults rely on children to help with caregiving, but instead, those without children must rely on those within the community. The vulnerability that one fears with age is compounded by how their own peers will treat them because they are who put them in institutions. They fear people who come into their homes and how they will be treated, hoping to be treated with dignity and respected by their caregivers. Older adults will be looking to neighbors and community and how they respond in order to judge their own safety levels. She asked the Commission to be cognizant of the effects this incident will have on the older adult LGBT community, particularly the health and safety of our more vulnerable older adults. As leaders in the communities, she asked the CSA to be a model of compassion and care at this time when the subject comes up. Often times some may be conflicted within their faith communities and what it means, but everyone can be caring and compassionate.

Lewy Body Dementia Update

Commissioner Ilardo provided handouts on Lewy Body Dementia (LBD) that differentiates between LBD and dementia for caregivers and providers. She discussed a new initiative recently launched through the University of Michigan, and they are willing to provide trainings throughout the state for agencies who would like to have LBD support groups.

Grant Opportunities Through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF)

Kari Sederburg provided handouts and an overview of the Blue Cross Blue Shield mutualization to change their status, obligating \$1.8 billion to the MHEF over the next 18

years, with a focus on children and older adults. She stated legislation created the MHEF, which has subsidies that will help to cover the impending increase in BCBS's rates of their Medigap products, for those who really need it. They are looking at those with 150-250 percent of federal poverty level of income, not assets, with special rates for those under 65 with a disability, and an increased subsidy rate for those 75 and older, who will see the largest increase.

Ms. Sederburg announced MHEF has launched the healthy aging RFP on their website, and she provided an overview of the grant details.

Update Previously Approved Funding/Grants on Associated Ongoing Activities

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Murray-Brown is leading the advocacy committee, and Commissioners LaTosch, Ilardo and Mast will be joining her in her efforts.

Following this meeting, there will be a public hearing at this same location at 1:00 PM.

The next CSA meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Friday, July 15, 2016, at the St. Ignace Public Library, located at 110 W. Spruce Street in St. Ignace, and a public hearing will follow that meeting at 1:00 PM on AASA's state plan.

These meetings are open to the public and those needing accommodations to attend should contact Carol Dye at least five business days prior to the meeting.

The SAC meetings are scheduled quarterly.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to adjourn this meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to adjourn this meeting. Commissioner Ilardo seconded this motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

This meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM.